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SUBJ: STILL NO DATE FOR BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRANCE

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1. DESPITE EXPECTATIONS THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TCHERVONENKO CALL AT ELYSEE, ON HIS RETURN FROM MOSCOW
ON FEBRUARY 18, MIGHT HAVE LED TO DECISIONS REGARDING
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NOW LONG-AWAITED BREZHNEV VISIT, QUAI EUROPEAN DIRECTOR
ANDREANI NOW TELLS US THAT THE DATE IN FACT HAS STILL
NOT BEEN FIXED.

2. MOREOVER, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT
SLIPPAGE OF DE GUIRINGAUD'S PLANNED MOSCOW VISIT TO PRE-
PARE BREZHNEV'S TRIP. CONTRARY TO IMPRESSIONS EMBASSY

MOSCOW (REFTEL B) AND WE HAD IN JANUARY THAT DE GUIRINGAUD PLANNED TO VISIT MOSCOW TOWARD END OF MARCH, ANDREANI NOW SAYS THAT DE GUIRINGAUD'S TRIP WAS PUT OFF AT HIS INITIATIVE TILL JUNE, ON GROUNDS OF HIS TIGHT SCHEDULE. ANDREANI SAYS THAT SOVIETS WANTED DE GUIRINGAUD TO COME EARLIER AND THAT THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE REASONS FOR DE GUIRINGAUD'S POST-PONEMENT. ANDREANI, AT SAME TIME, MAKES NO BONES ABOUT FACT THAT JUNE PREPARATORY VISIT WILL LEAVE LITTLE TIME' TO IRON OUT THORNY ISSUES IF BREZHNEV IS INDEED TO COME HERE IN JULY; AND THAT FOR PRESENT QUAI, AT LEAST, REMAINS AT LOSS AS TO HOW TO SATISFY CONTINUING SOVIET PRESSURE FOR CONCESSIONS ON DISARMAMENT AND OTHER DETENTE FRONTS.

3. ON THIS SCORE, ANDREANI REITERATES THAT FRENCH WILL HAVE LITTLE TO OFFER. SOVIETS IN HIS VIEW MADE "ENORMOUS" MISTAKE IN PRESSING FRENCH TO ACCEPT NFU PROPOSAL, WHICH GOES TO HEART OF FRENCH DETERRENT STRATEGY AND AGAIN STARKLY REVEALED THEIR MOTIVES HERE. ANDREANI QUIPPED THAT IN A SENSE IT WAS EASIER FOR NATO'S INTEGRATED COMMAND TO HAVE ACCEPTED NFU THAN FOR FRANCE. SIMILARLY THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST HERE IN MOST OF THEIR OTHER POLITICAL PROPOSALS, INCLUDING BREZHNEV'S THREE CONFERENCES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ECE MEETINGS STANOVNIK HAS PROPOSED STRIKE FRENCH AS SUFFICIENT.

4. ANDREANI DOES EXPECT BREZHNEV WILL TRY TO "DISARM"
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FRENCH ON CSCE, PARTICULARLY SINCE VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE JUST BEFORE BELGRADE REVIEW PROCESS STARTS. IT IS PARTLY FOR THIS REASON THAT DE GUIRINGAUD TOLD POLES DURING HIS VISIT (REF D), AND DE LABOULAYE TOLD CZECHS (REF A) THAT "FINAL ACT IS NOT CONFINED TO DETENTE AMONG STATES, BUT ALSO INVOLVES COMMITMENT THAT GOVERNMENTS NOT HARASS (INQUIETER) INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS." BOTH POLES AND CZECHS APPARENTLY TOOK POINT WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT. ANDREANI REITERATED FRENCH VIEW THAT, AT BELGRADE, GOF WILL BE NEITHER MUTE NOR HARSH, BUT MAINTAIN CLEAR, MODERATE TONE.

5. COMMENT: WE PLAN TO EXPLORE FURTHER WHY DE GUIRINGAUD IS NOT GOING TO MOSCOW SOONER, AND WOULD OF COURSE ALSO WELCOME EMBASSY MOSCOW'S IMPRESSIONS.
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